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# Lamb Ragout

Muslim suicide bombers in Britain are set to begin a three-day strike on Monday in a dispute over the number of virgins they are entitled to in the afterlife. Emergency talks with Al Qaeda have so far failed to produce an agreement.

The unrest began last Tuesday when Al Qaeda announced that the number of virgins a suicide bomber would receive after his death will be cut by 25% this February from 72 to only 60. The rationale for the cut was the increase in recent years of the number of suicide bombings and a subsequent shortage of virgins in the afterlife.

The suicide bombers' union, the British Organization of Occupational Martyrs (or B.O.O.M.) responded with a statement that this was unacceptable to its members and immediately balloted for strike action. General Secretary Abdullah Amir told the press, "Our members are literally working themselves to death in the cause of Jihad. We don't ask for much in return but to be treated like this is like a kick in the teeth".

Speaking from his shed in Tipton in the West Midlands in which he currently resides, Al Qaeda chief executive Osama bin Laden explained, We sympathize with our workers concerns but Al Qaeda is simply not in a position to meet their demands. They are simply not accepting the realities of modern-day Jihad in a competitive marketplace.

Thanks to Western depravity, there is now a chronic shortage of virgins in the afterlife. It's a straight choice between reducing expenditure and laying people off. I don't like cutting wages but I'd hate to have to tell 3000 of my staff that they won't be able to blow themselves up.

Apparently the drop in the number of suicide bombings has been put down to the emergence of that Scottish singing star, Susan Boyle - now that Muslims know what a virgin looks like that they are not so keen on going to paradise.

# **Match Reports**

## **1st Team - 20/6/2010 v's Vikings - Win 3 / 1**

A flat start to the game saw us lacking in the intensity of the previous week.

But on 20 minutes the ball was spread wide to Ben McMullen who took a touch and delivered the ball onto the head of Tom Radford. With a fantastic header from about the penalty spot, Tom put the ball in the back of the net.

We continued to have chances go begging and were unlucky not too be up 6 nil at half time.

A firm team talk at the half time break by coach Tony Reeves saw a complete turn around in the second half.

We kept producing chances and on the hour Adam Malia put a great through ball to Sammy Parisi who forced the keeper to make a great save, but the save could only be parried to Adam who finished from 6 yards out.

With 15 minutes to go Vikings scored a goal out of no-where that left Ben Aldridge with no chance.

Tony Reeves bought himself on for Tom Radford who had basically run himself into the ground and had earned the right to have an early shower.

A goal mouth scramble saw Mick Cartwright score the 3rd after some good build up work from midfield.

A much better performance by the lads in the 2nd half, and we'll have to play like that from the outset this week if we are going to hammer Florina.

## **Reserves - 20/6/2010 v's Vikings - Win 4 / 3**

This was a game of extremes by the B's this week.

Extreme positive was that we managed to score 4 goals and although we could have scored a lot more, this was pleasing. The negative was that we let in 3 very soft goals, which is very uncharacteristic of our normally solid defence. The win takes us up to third spot with a number of crunch games coming up.

The game itself was played in good spirit and was very entertaining. Vikings opened the scoring when an uncharacteristic misunderstanding between Azza and Hullsy gifted their striker a goal. However we equalised within a few minutes when Matt Rossidis calmly finished off a great move by our lads. Hullsy duly atoned for his earlier mistake heading in Bally's corner.

We dominated play with some great football in the second half and in between plenty of wasted chances Jimmy Allen scored our third goal. Unfortunately however we let Vikings back with some undisciplined defending. Our fourth goal came as a result of some good movement and was scored by Bally. Again, Vikings scored a third on the break when yet again we failed to clear and allowed a simple goal.

In the end 4 - 3 flattered the visitors and we'll need to tighten up considerably if we are to prevail against a star studded Florina reserves team next week.

# **Match Reports**

## **C Team - 20/6/2010 v's Vikings - Loss 7 / 1**

The C grade boys tried hard all day in what ended to be a 7-1 loss against the team Adelaide Vikings. Even before the game things were hard up as we started with only the bare minimum 11 players. However with the Colts Goal Keeper stepping up to play it at least gave us 1 on the bench. Unfortunately the pressure got to the young fella, whom made a few minor mistakes and Vikings took their chances well, including a great free kick. We manage to get one back through Will Villacorte, however we went into half time 4-1 down.

The second half was much a better start, Craig Hain had to take to glove as the young keeper hurt his ankle. And with Joste hurting his knee late in the first half things were not looking good. However all the young lads in the team stepped up and played some nice flowing football in parts, and actually created a few more scoring opportunities. It took Vikings about 25 minutes before they scored their next goal and following this they scored 2 more. Finishing 7-1.

Overall it was not a bad effort and I think the score line certainly does not reflect the effort all the boys put in. From Ritchie at the back, being solid all day, to Matty Spencer Adams whom hassled their back line til the final whistle.

## **Fossils - 20/6/2010 v's PH East - Loss 4 nil**

The usual cast of thousands for the Fossils was depleted this week to the bare 11 for what was always going to be a tough match against Para Hills East - maybe one day we'll get to play them at home?!?! When you add to the mix that of the 11 present that at least 5 were suffering from being over served at the previous night's quiz at the club then it was clear that our preparation had been seriously hampered. That being said the new club changing facilities at the East made it somewhere pleasant to throw up before the game! The Fossils started brightly and before long the boys had forced the East keeper into a decent save and were playing some sparkling football, Neil Edwards in the middle was bedazzling with some skills - or maybe the defenders were just knocked out with alcohol fumes? The industrious Bruecher also returning to form with Fidler ever dangerous on the left backed up by the superb Jonny Mace at left full back. Chris Morris swept with finesse and along with Lee Webb and Bob Clarke the defence held resolute with even the man with the bear paws (according to Motts anyway) finally showing he could hold onto something more than a beer. Gaz, Justin and DB always threatened going forward and we were pleased to go in at half time 0-0.

The game stretched in the second half and sadly the East exploited it better than we did. A lucky break saw them open the scoring with a header from close range followed by a second. Downs couldn't buy a goal and even the post and the back of the keepers head defied Nelly whilst the normally reliable Garry Evans managed to deposit a couple in neighbouring gardens. Two lucky East goals including the much fabled Bob Clarke diving header own goal - a contender to rival Chris Saunders' twenty yard volley from a few years ago - before a great control and shot from the Monck up front narrowly missed and denied the Fossils the consolation they deserved.

# Committee Match Report

39th May 2010 - v's Crapulence FC - Win 5 nil

A phenomenal performance once again by the team that has been linked in the media to such famous clubs as Real Madrid, Manchester United, Bocca Juniors and Bogner Rovers.

Unfortunately the start of the game was delayed because Trimboli had been in charge of organising the team bus. But after 2 solid hours on the bevie, the game finally started. A wonderous bit of play from the big burley English expat Russell "The Crow" Miller saw him receive the ball in his own six yard box and proceed to play wall'ey with the left hand goal post until Ken Gray moved into space.....

Upon receiving the ball from Miller, Gray (with many thanks to Glen Ryan is also now known as KTC) forged forward and after just returning to mark the pitch minutes after his missus giving birth to their 4th child he let rip with his steel toe-capped Predators. The ball hit the Crapulence midfielder Sphinktah and deflected into the back of the net, leaving the goal keeper with no chance.

30 minutes in saw the 2nd goal. Excellent work from "Bald Headed Magician" Wilko saw him control the ball in the centre and with both arms outstretched proceeded to do the helicopter on his way to goal. 2 Crapulence defenders tried to tackle Wilko and were subsequently carried off with injuries to the upper neck, cheeks, chin, mouth, eyes and mid groin. Then for some unexplainable reason the goal was left empty and Wilko slotted the ball home with a back heel.

Just before the break it was Smitty's turn to shine. A great through ball from Rexie (who had taken time out of his busy schedule as the DJ Ice Cool Cube Cube Rexie Indahouse for year 7 formals) saw Smitty 1 on 1 with the keeper. Calls of "Ravinelli the Silver Fox" were heard from the crowd which caused Smitty to laugh and subsequently stumble his way towards goal. Just as happened with Wilko's goal the keeper was no where to be seen, Smitty then fell over and ended up heading the ball into the goal from a yard out. Smitty was carried off injured and was quoted as saying afterwards "that bit of the pitch was deceptively flat".

The 2nd half started much the same as the 1st, but this time it was the flying German Italian who scored. The Red Baron-elli...Uncle Vito found himself on the edge of the 18 yard box with just the keeper to beat. Vito turned with his back towards goal and flicked the ball into the air, then with the greatest of ease Vito produced an overhead scissor kick the likes of which had never been seen before and probably will never be seen again. Vito completely missed the ball and landed on his head, the ball dropped onto the bottle of Sav Blanc that he had in his left arse cheek pocket and rifled into the back of the Crapulence net. Once again the keeper was no-where to be seen.

10 minutes from time saw the last goal scored, TIT Townsend got caught with the ball in the centre of midfield. Townsend was too busy delivering hair dressing tips to Kaboobie the referee when the ball was played to him. The Crapulence centre half Rusty Sherriffesbadge tackled Townsend and was 1 on 1 with the keeper Mary "The Cat" Stevens. Mary came out to narrow the angle and Sherriffesbadge tried to slot the ball into the bottom corner. But once again Mary proved her worth and dived full stretch and held the ball. Mary then proceeded to kick the ball out of her hands and really latched onto it. The opposing keeper was no-where again and the ball subsequently went into the back of the net. As Mary is known for her celebration, the top came off once again and she danced "Roger Miller" like with the corner flag. Red carded once again was Mary and she may have to serve an additional 10 week suspension for head butting Kaboobie and threatening him with the Dirty Sanchez.

Big Willy V gave an inspirational speech after the game, praising all the goal scorers and giving a special mention to Wilko for the work he was doing off the ball and how he took their goalkeeper out of the game.

# **A bit of a Larf**

## **Commentator Double-Entendres**

Ted Walsh - Horse Racing Commentator - 'This is really a lovely horse. I once rode her mother..'

New Zealand Rugby Commentator - 'Andrew Mehrtens loves it when Daryl Gibson comes inside of him'

Pat Glenn, weightlifting commentator - 'And this is Gregoriava from Bulgaria . I saw her snatch this morning and it was amazing!'

Harry Carpenter at the Oxford-Cambridge boat race 1977 - 'Ah, isn't that nice.. The wife of the Cambridge President is kissing the Cox of the Oxford crew..'

US PGA Commentator - 'One of the reasons Arnie (Arnold Palmer) is playing so well is that, before each tee shot, his wife takes out his balls and kisses them .....

Steve Ryder covering the US Masters: 'Ballesteros felt much better today after a 69 yesterday.'

Mike Hallett discussing missed snooker shots on Sky Sports: 'Stephen Hendry jumps on Steve Davis's misses every chance he gets.'

Ken Brown commentating on golfer Nick Faldo and his caddie Fanny Sunneson lining-up shots at the Scottish Open: 'Some weeks Nick likes to use Fanny, other weeks he prefers to do it by himself.'

## **Really Bad**

I told my girlfriend I had a job in a bowling alley. She said "Tenpin?" I said, "No, permanent."

I went in to a pet shop. I said, "Can I buy a goldfish?" The guy said, "do you want an aquarium?" I said, "I don't care what star sign it is."

I went to buy a watch, and the man in the shop said "Analogue." I said "No, just a watch."

I went into a shop and I said, "Can someone sell me a kettle." The bloke said "Kenwood?" I said, "Where is he then?"

I was reading this book today, "The History of Glue". I couldn't put it down.

I phoned the local ramblers club today, but the bloke who answered just went on and on.

This cowboy walks in to a German car showroom and he says.....Audi!

I visited the offices of the RSPCA today. It's tiny: you couldn't swing a cat in there.

This policeman came up to me with a pencil and a piece of very thin paper. He said, "I want you to trace someone for me."

I went to the local video shop and I said, Can I borrow Batman Forever? He said, "No, you'll have to bring it back tomorrow"

# Having a drink with #10

Name: *Sam Parisi*

Nickname(s): *Savario / Nicholas Anelka*

Football Team: *Port Adelaide*

Favourite Food: *Pizza*

Favourite Drink: *Coke*

Favourite TV Show: *Anything but Eastenders*

Favourite Movie: *Mean Machine*

Favourite Holiday Destination: *Alberton*

Most Memorable Moment: *Seeing Benny Aldridge going up for a corner in the cup final and seeing him sprint back to goals*

Advice to Others: *Do what Scotty Morrison says or suffer the consequences*

# Having a drink with Sam

Name: *Sam Bambery*

Nickname(s): *Cougar*

Football Team: *Man U / Richmond / Port Magpie*

Favourite Food: *Prawn Sambal*

Favourite Drink: *Carlton Dry*

Favourite TV Show: *Seinfeld / Married with Children*

Favourite Movie:   
*Die Hard / Happy Gilmour*

Favourite Holiday Destination: *When I have one I'll let you know*

Most Memorable Moment: *Moving into our new home*

Advice to Others: *Ask better questions next time*